

THE GEELONG HOSPITAL

As the acute care facility of Barwon Health, The Geelong Hospital is the major provider of health services to the 220,000 people of Greater Geelong & the 410,000 people of the Barwon South-Western region. The hospital has over 360 beds and treated over 54,000 inpatients in 2002-2003.

Our range of services is among the most comprehensive in Victoria.

The Geelong Hospital is:

- The sole provider of public acute hospital services for Greater Geelong and the principal provider of psychiatric programs for the Barwon area .
- A teaching hospital in affiliation with the University of Melbourne with Chairs in Medicine, Surgery and Psychiatry; and Deakin University with a Chair in Nursing
- Associated with other teaching hospitals - such as St Vincent's for Medical Education and the Royal Children's for Paediatric Surgery - through existing and evolving strategic alliances and/or clearly established referral patterns;
- Associated with the Gordon Institute of TAFE for the clinical education of Division 2 students of nursing.

The Geelong Hospital Nursing Education Unit offers a Graduate Diploma in Perioperative Nursing, Critical Care Nursing and Midwifery, in conjunction with Deakin University. The Geelong Hospital Nursing Education Unit also offers supported programs in Speciality areas of nursing practice and conducts regular specialised short courses and seminars.

APPLICATION PREREQUISITES

- ◆ Registered Nurse Division 1
- ◆ Holds a current Victorian Practising Certificate
- ◆ Minimum of 12 months recent post-registration acute general nursing experience

SELECTION CRITERIA

- ◆ Meets Deakin University selection criteria
- ◆ Passed as medically fit
- ◆ Satisfactory interview
- ◆ Satisfactory clinical references

SALARY

Students will receive a salary equivalent of 0.78 E.F.T. at substantive rate. Payment will not be made for theoretical hours.

CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

Contract for employment is for the duration of the Course.

APPLICATIONS

The Course is advertised in the local newspaper and major Melbourne newspapers during August/September. Mid year applications will be considered.

Enrolment packages are available from School of Nursing, Deakin University, Burwood Campus.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

Course Duration:

12 month course which commences in February of each year with includes rostered annual leave.

Course Aims:

To enable Registered Nurses (Division 1) to gain a broad knowledge base from which to plan and care for patients in a perioperative environment.

To develop registered nurses' clinical skills so they may become competent perioperative nurse practitioners.

To provide the academic and clinical environment for the professional growth of registered nurses into specialised perioperative nurses.

Theoretical Component:

Deakin University administers the theoretical component of the course. The Geelong Hospital will provide a strong program of clinical tutorials and support. The theoretical program can be completed in one academic year, however part-time study options are available.

Clinical Component:

The clinical component of the course is undertaken in the perioperative areas of The Geelong Hospital with specific objectives and assessments.

CLINICAL STREAMS

The Operating Suite comprises eight operating rooms conducting a wide range of surgery. The Gretta Volum Day Stay Centre comprises two operating rooms and one endoscopy room.

Over 15,500 operative procedures were performed in 2003-2004. Of these over 6,500 were performed in the Day Surgery/Procedure Unit. The Division of Surgery is headed by a Professor of Surgery, and the Department of Anaesthetics by Associate Professor of Perioperative Medicine and Pain Management

The Geelong Hospital offers clinical streams in intra-operative nursing, anaesthetic and post anaesthetic nursing and day surgery/procedure nursing, allowing participants to specialise in a particular area of interest. Each student will spend the majority of their clinical time in their major stream area and will rotate to the other speciality areas for short periods of time.

CLINICAL PRACTICE

Intra-operative Stream:

There are seven (7) structured theatres each representing a speciality unit. Students will participate in every speciality area during the program. Clinical experience will also include a rotation in Anaesthesia and Post-anaesthesia nursing, the Pre-operative Admission Clinic and the Central Sterilising Unit.

Anaesthetic & Post-Anaesthetic Stream:

Students will participate in all specialities including orthopaedic, cardiovascular, thoracic, paediatric, and obstetric areas during the program. Clinical experience will also include a rotation in Intra-operative nursing, the Pre-operative Admission Clinic and the Central Sterilising Unit

Day Surgery/Procedure Stream:

Students will participate in all day surgery/procedure areas including patient admission and discharge areas. Clinical experience will also include a rotation in Intra-operative nursing, the Pre-operative Admission Clinic, the Central Sterilising Unit and Anaesthesia and Post-anaesthesia nursing.

CLINICAL SUPERVISION

Clinical supervision and assessment is undertaken by the clinical nurse educator who is supernumerary to operating suite/day stay unit staff. A preceptorship program is in place and students are under constant supervision by experienced operating suite/day stay unit staff and/or the clinical nurse educator.

Direct supervision by medical staff will be made for the performance of certain procedures, such as intubation and cannulation.

CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

Formal clinical appraisal and assessments of competency skills are undertaken throughout the course in accordance with Deakin University guidelines.

These assessments contribute 50% to the overall grading of the core units undertaken for the Graduate Diploma.



NURSING EDUCATION SERVICES
In affiliation with

Deakin University

Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Perioperative)

With clinical streams in:

- Intra-operative Nursing
 - Anaesthetic & Post-anaesthetic Nursing
 - Day Surgery/Procedure Nursing
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